

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The apparatus comprises a clamping device having a box-shaped casing and a clamping member for clamping work pieces, operatively connected to an electric
5 actuator to move the clamping member between a first and a second operative position. The clamping apparatus is also provided with electric switching means which can be manually operated by a control member to reverse the polarities of the power voltage supply to the
10 electric actuator, to selectively control the movement of the clamping member in respect to both operative positions; the control member may be in the form of a manually operable lever or control buttons.